

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0012A]

[0012A] Figure 3 is a schematic view of the device of Figure 1 showing a plurality of slides and connecting.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] In the present embodiment under discussion, the pressure element 14 has two half shells 14a, 14b and therefore completely surrounds the drive shaft 8. A bearing element 14c constructed as a slide bearing is arranged between the drive shaft 8 and the pressure element 14. Instead of the slide bearing, a roller bearing can, of course, be used. Furthermore, the two half shells 14a, 14b are mutually connected by known types of connection elements [which need not be shown for clarity] 30, 31 which are shown schematically by dashed lines.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, several pilot valves 28 are provided in Figure 2 which are used when the press 1 has several slides, and is therefore constructed as a press working line or press system with several press stations as seen in Figure 3. These pilot valves 28, which in the illustrated embodiment coupled to the safety valve 27, have the effect that, in the event of an overloading of one of the connecting rods 10, all overload safety devices 13 of the respective press station

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all slides 3 are made load-free. This is implemented in that the fluids 18 of all devices 13 are connected with one another. This connection may be provided on the primary side or on the secondary side. All valves 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 can be constructed as so-called cartridges, where a movable cylinder is provided as a triggering device and causes the breakdown of the oil pressure. Optionally, safety valves may also be provided for an ejector system of the press 1 as will be known to one skilled in the art.